(c) the time by which these are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) No. Sir.

(b) The coastal areas of Orissa and Andhra Pradesh including Sompeta, Kakinada and Nellore fall within the coverage zone of the High Power Transmitters at Cuttack, Vijayawada and Vishakhapatnam and FM Transmitters at Puri and Behrampur.

(c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Functioning of Sugar Mills

630. SHRI S.P. JAISWAL : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether instructions have been issued to all the sugar mills particularly in Uttar Pradesh to start functioning from the month of November, 1996;

(b) whether it has been ensured that the work of sugar mills is not interrupted as a result thereof during the crushing season;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir, the appointed day for the sugar year 1996-97 under the Sugar Undertakings (Take Over of Management) Act, 1978 has been notified on 3.10.1996.

(b) to (d). Yes Sir, the Government of all sugar producing states have been directed to ensure strict compliance.

Arrears due to Sugarcane Growers

631. JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA :
SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether a large sum of the sugarcane growers is outstanding on account of last crushing season against the sugar mill owners;

(b) if so, the total amount of arrears outstanding by the end of September, 1996, State-wise;

(c) whether such amount of arrears often remain outstanding against the sugar mills by the end of every crushing year;

(d) if so, the amount outstanding against the sugar mills in September 1993, September, 1994 and September, 1995 separately, State-wise; and

(e) the value of total sugarcane sold to the sugar mills during the said years, separately?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) and (b). On the basis of the information furnished by sugar mills in the country, the arrears of sugarcane price relating to the season 1995-96, payable to cane growers as on 30th September, 1996 on an All India basis, were Rs. 707.30 crores representing 6.97% of the total amount payable. A Statement showing state-wise position of the above cane price arrears as on 30th September, 1996 is placed as statement -I attached.

(c) The amount of arrears at the end of crushing year depends upon various factors such as volume of cane purchased, price of sugarcane, financial position of the mills etc.

(d) and (e). A statement showing the total cane price due for Sugarcane purchased by the mills and arrears cane price as on 30th September of the season 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 is placed as Statement-attached.

STATEMENT

Details of Sugarcane Price relating to the season 1995-96, outstanding as on 30.9.96

(Rs. in Lakhs)

S.No.	States	Sugarcane Price Arrears
1.	Punjab	5460.43
2.	Haryana	1793.95
3.	Rajasthan	200.62
4.	Uttar Pradesh	27814.10
5.	Madhya Pradesh	2414.68
6.	Gujarat	6006.79
7.	Maharashtra	2976.30
8.	Bihar	4252.88
9.	Assam	9.66
10.	Andhra Pradesh	3411.17
11.	Karnataka	7371.65
12.	Tamil Nadu	8717.67
13.	Kerala	112.53
14.	Orissa	51.77
15.	West Bengal	235.51
16.	Nagaland	0.00
17.	Pondicherry	0.00
18.	Goa	0.00
	All India	70730.01

STATEMENT-II

Details of Total Price of Cane purchased and the Arrears Payable as on 30th September of the season

S.No.	State	Relating to the seasons 1992-93		Relating to the season 1993-94		Relating to the season 1994-95	
		total cane price due for cane purchased	Arrears of sugarcane price payable	Total cane price due for cane purchased	Arrears of sugarcane price payable	Total cane price due for cane purchased	Arrears of sugar-cane price payable
1.	Punjab	20985.94	87.74	20641.06	2.10	24370.16	39.89
2.	Haryana	16290.74	80.91	17247.91	38.52	23434.32	192.62
3.	Rajasthan	988.57	0.87	855.38	2.02	1178.26	129.16
4.	Uttar Pradesh	128278.69	3081.45	153955.90	1993.38	240668.88	6680.46
5.	Madhya Pradesh	2572.41	193.82	2085.25	47.83	3734.88	278.62
6.	Gujarat	31269.24	79.41	49807.88	63.40	45061.20	155.06
7.	Maharashtra	123515.65	724.04	155798.77	828.13	253433.86	1079.83
8.	Bihar	15483.05	1892.47	15336.98	703.68	25296.35	2069.31
9.	Assam	409.61	0.00	267.45	0.00	410.83	0.01
10.	Andhra Pradesh	23911.96	167.25	30724.23	799.74	50454.02	928.27
11.	Karnataka	38941.92	958.33	44993.45	1405.48	65769.39	3395.31
12.	Tamil Nadu	41804.73	379.97	57935.84	240.35	112204.20	3558.16
13.	Kerala	190.54	9.01	107.88	44.23	279.68	0.71
14.	Orissa	1518.07	0.08	1236.34	0.00	2658.20	0.00
15.	West Bengal	240.31	0.08	323.45	0.17	760.70	0.33
16.	Nagaland	141.23	42.45	82.13	24.42	0.00	0.00
17.	Pondicherry	2012.52	0.01	2137.89	0.00	4027.13	1.18
18.	Goa	638.55	0.00	452.74	0.00	1296.71	0.00
	All India	447193.73	7697.89	553990.43	6193.45	855038.77	18508.92

Scholarship to Rural Agriculture Development Officers

632. SHRI SUKH LAL KUSHWAHA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have prepared any scheme for deputing Rural Agriculture Development Officers for getting higher education in the field of agriculture and awarding scholarhip to them;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether instructions have been issued to State Governments in this regard; and

(d) the rate of scholarship for graduation/post graduation courses in agriculture?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Central Sector Plan Scheme on higher training leading to B.Sc. (Ag)/B.Sc. (H.Sc.)/M.Sc. (Ag)/M.Sc. (H.Sc.) degrees is in operation since 1978.

(c) Yes. Circulars are issued every year to all States/UTs. Departments of Agriculture/Horticulture/Animal Husbandry and State Agricultural Universities requesting them to select/nominate/admit their candidates in respective State Agricultural Universities.

(d) (a) B.Sc. (Ag)/B.Sc. (H.Sc.) are paid stipend @ Rs. 400/- per month per candidate and Book Grant @ Rs. 750/- per year per candidate.

(b) M.Sc. (Ag)/M.Sc. (H.Sc.) are paid stipend @ Rs. 500/- per month per candidate and Book-Grant @ Rs. 1000/- per year per candidate.

Tragedy on Amarnath Yatra

633. SHRI D.P. YADAV : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the work related to investigation of Amarnath tragedy has since been completed;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon;